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Just what is our zookeeper doing? Inspecting a freshly dug bear den in the black bear habitat at Charles Towne Landing -- of course! Though the bears at the Animal Forest do not hibernate, this bear has been instinctively working on his den for weeks, preparing for the coming cold temps. That's pretty cool to see! <https://southcarolinaparks.com/charles-towne-landing>



**Ray Steele** I assume the bear wasn't in there, at least I hope not.LOL

at 13:29:24 on 11/30/2017 UTC



**Vicki Hewitt Causey** Wondering the same thing and who drew the short straw to go in and check it out? 🐾

at 13:35:29 on 11/30/2017 UTC



**Kerri Kennedy** :D The bears are never in the habitat when zookeepers enter. They have a strict policy about separation, for the safety of the bear and the keeper!

at 13:59:21 on 11/30/2017 UTC



**Steve Mullaney** If "this bear has instinctively been working on his den for weeks, preparing for the coming cold temps", then why doesn't the bear hibernate? Is that the Animal Forset interrupts the natural behavior of the bear (I.e., keeping the bears inside in a warm ensource), or is it because the bear is not in a natural habitat? Not being critical, just curious.

at 14:01:27 on 11/30/2017 UTC



**Brandon Wright** The bear probably left a six pack of 🍺 in that hole!

at 19:38:05 on 11/30/2017 UTC



**Betsy Arrington** Usually they do not hibernate in captivity due to food is plentiful, or at least to the extent of bears in the wild. Hibernation is really a survival instinct and as there is food readily available to them in captivity, they rarely will actually hibernate, but will show characteristics of hibernation

at 21:35:48 on 12/01/2017 UTC